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Identical letters dated 20 July 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Yesterday, 19 July 2001, illegal Israeli settlers brutally shot and killed three Palestinian civilians, including a 3-month-old baby. The three family members killed, Mohammed Salamah Al-Tameezi, Mohammed Hilmi Al-Tameezi and 3-month-old Dia'a Marwan Al-Tameezi, were returning from a wedding when their car came under fire near the city of Al-Khalil (Hebron). In addition, many Palestinian civilians were seriously injured in this brutal settler attack. This heinous crime represents a dangerous escalation of settler aggression against Palestinian civilians.

Regretfully, Israeli occupying forces continue to provide protection for illegal settlers' aggression against the Palestinian people and their property. Israeli settlers, who have been illegally transferred by the occupying Power to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, in grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and in total violation of relevant Security Council resolutions, and their actions remain the exclusive responsibility of the occupying Power. Secondly, Israeli settlers continue to burn trees and crops belonging to the Palestinians and erecting new settlement posts as they continue endangering the lives and well-being of Palestinian civilians. We hold the government of Mr. Ariel Sharon fully responsible for the atrocities being committed by the illegal settlers against the Palestinian people.

Furthermore, I am writing this letter in follow-up to our previous 57 letters addressed to you regarding this grave and ongoing situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 13 July 2001 (A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-

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S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686, A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697 and A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708). I regret to inform you that the criminal actions committed against the Palestinian people yesterday raise the total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces and Israeli settlers since 28 September 2000 to 528. (The names of the martyrs are mentioned above and are contained in the annex to the present letter.) The number of Palestinians wounded and injured, many severely and permanently, also continues to rise.

The Security Council, as the organ responsible for the maintenance of peace and security on behalf of the international community, cannot absolve itself from its responsibility vis-à-vis the ongoing tragic and dangerous situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. We once again reiterate our call to the Council to uphold its responsibility and take the necessary action in this regard, in particular the provision of protection for Palestinian civilians, as well as to ensure compliance with international law, international humanitarian law and existing Palestinian-Israeli agreements. In this regard, we specifically call for the implementation of relevant Security Council resolutions calling for the disarming of illegal Israeli settlers. We also call for the international community to enforce the implementation of the recommendations of the report of the Sharm El-Sheikh Fact-Finding Committee (Mitchell report) in their entirety.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex to the letter dated 20 July 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem*

Thursday, 19 July 2001

1. Mohammed Salamah Al-Tameezi
2. Mohammed Hilmi Al-Tameezi
3. Dia'a Marwan Al-Tameezi (3 months old)

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 = 528.